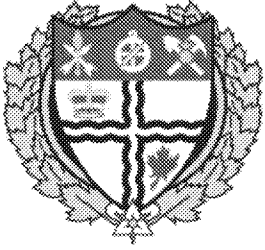


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Quick Response To Mobile Convoy 2022

POU
Appendix

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02/22/2022

Date: _____

1.0 SITUATION

Freedom Convoy (French: *Convoi de la Liberté*) is an ongoing protest in Canada against COVID-19 vaccine requirements for truckers to re-enter the country by land introduced by the government of Canada on January 15, 2022. Originally composed of several routes traversing all of the Canadian provinces, the truck convoys converged on Ottawa on January 29, 2022, with a rally at Parliament Hill.^[16] The trucking convoys were then joined by pedestrian protesters.^[6] The protest continued into February.^{[17][18][19]} Protesters have stated that they will not leave until all COVID-19 restrictions and mandates have been repealed, and some have called for the federal government to be overthrown.^[20]

Both Canada and the United States accommodated unvaccinated cross-border truckers with an exemption from the new COVID-19 regulations implemented by both countries in the fall of 2021, to prevent supply chain disruptions. The exemptions for Canadian truckers ended on January 15, 2022, and the United States Department of Homeland Security exemption ended a week later on January 22, 2022.

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) estimates that 85% of the 120,000 Canadian truck drivers are already vaccinated against COVID-19,^[21] and that these mandates would potentially impact 26,000 of the 160,000 drivers in both the United States and Canada who regularly cross the border.^[22]

The convoy has been condemned by trucking industry groups,^{[23][24]} and the Canadian Trucking Alliance reported that a large number of protesters had no connection to trucking.^[25] On January 27, Prime Minister Trudeau said that almost 90% of Canadians were vaccinated, as were many truckers in Canada, and that a "small fringe minority of people" in the convoy do not "represent the views of Canadians."^[26] A January 29 CTA statement cautioned the public that a "great number of protestors" with no connection to the trucking industry, "have a separate agenda beyond a disagreement over cross border vaccine requirements."

The City of Ottawa, as well as the Province of Ontario have declared a State of Emergency as a direct result of the Freedom Convoy movement. In Ottawa, the protest activity has been ongoing since Jan 28, 2022, and has evolved into an occupation, with large trucks blocking a large portion of the downtown core. The area bounded by Wellington St, Elgin St, Albert St and Bay St is the geographic hub of the Freedom Convoy occupation. Wellington St in front of Parliament Hill has become the staging point of the organizers, where they have erected a shelter, and soundstage.

****There remains over 500 trucks in the downtown core.****

***UPDATED:**

The Unified Command Centre was established on February 14th, 2022. A Concept of Operations was established and an action on plan was initiated. The actions on plan began with securing the downtown core, establishing a secure area, an exclusion zone and strategic checkpoints throughout the city to prevent any further demonstrators enter the area.

On February 18th, 2022, the UCC launched an operation with the intent to clear the roadways in the city of Ottawa and return the streets/city to a state of normalcy. This was accomplished through Public Order Engagement, Tactical Engagement, Investigative Support, Traffic/Towing Support and regular Police Operations Support. In the evening of February 20th, 2022, the ICR had accomplished its Actions On by completing the concept of operations.

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At this time, there remains multiple satellite posts around the city of Ottawa which is housing hundreds of trucks that are associated to the Freedom Convoy.

2.0 MISSION

The mission is to intercept and assist traffic with any convoys that are associated to the "Freedom Convoy" that attempts to re-enter the city of Ottawa and provide Police, assisting agencies and members of the public with a safe environment.

3.0 EXECUTION

Public Order Units will utilize convoy capabilities and respond to the requests of the UCC and attend the area as requested.

POU will respond at a Level 1 response and they will have a level 2 response capability by accessing the needed equipment from their vehicles.

PUBLIC ORDER UNIT (POU):

Phase 1:

A request for Police Liaison Teams (PLT) to attend and lead the initial engagement. PLT to be assisted by soft hats QRT response.

Phase 2:

POU teams to attend and stage nearby the requested area. One POU section to assess and the remaining POU sections to remain at the exclusion zone to hold a POU posture in the downtown area.

Phase 3:

Should PLT negotiations fail and the order is given to enforce any Federal, Provincial or Municipal Statutes, Public order will call upon soft hats to be utilized as HOT members, Tactical will be enacted, Investigations will be enacted, Traffic/Towing will enacted and all other needed assets will be enacted.

Phase 4:

POU will form a line, the POU commander will determine from the front or rear, based on overall intelligence, on-ground intelligence and taking into advisory knowledge they will systematically advance forward one truck at a time. This slow and methodical approach will allow Tactical to engage and clear the trucks of any threats and enforce arrests.

Phase 5:

POU will assist in cordoning off the area and allowing the Tow plan to enact providing a safe working environment for the traffic and tow operators.

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Phase 6:

Demobilization phase, the site can be managed and turned over to soft hats and POU can return to their staging area at the exclusion zone.

Level 3 (Hard tac) contingency:

The POU team staged at the exclusion zone will be the Level 3 option. They would be an approximate 60 minute response time.

Debrief and Accountability:

Each respective POU service will report back to the POU commander with a sit rep. Reporting the following;

Debrief:

- Any Injuries
- Any Equipment Issues
- Any Operational Issues
- Lessons Learned

Accountability (equipment return):

- Weapons
- Munitions
- Tools
- MK-9
- Cold Fire
- Communications
- Vehicle

4.0 ADMINISTRATION

Uniform / Equipment

POU members will be deployed in Soft Tac Level 1, High Visibility Public Order Vest with name tag affixed to it with embroidered Velcro name tag, and issued MK-9 or Cold Fire.

Weapons availability

4 x 37mm ARWEN (rubber baton round)- standard and reduced energy

C/S Gas:

- Jet Lite hand launched grenade

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- CS Muzzle blast

O/C:

- Instantaneous Flameless expulsion hand launched grenade
- MK-9 cannisters

Smoke

- Jet Lite white smoke hand launched Grenade

POU plastic batons (24") and shields

Fire Suppressant Capability

- 65 x 13.5 oz personal Cold Fire Canisters
- 6 x vehicle mounted 1.5L Cold Fire extinguisher
- FSU equipped with Cold Fire backpack reservoirs and 2 x 200 ft of hose that can be hooked up to standard hydrant.

Meals

Meals will be provided as required by logistical support members, dependant upon duration.

Vehicles

- Each POU service will assign team vehicles
- Special Constable will have Prisoner Transport Vehicles

Radio Communications

Operational Channel: Special 3

Command Net for POU: ESU 1

Each Service: Simplex

Use Of Force

If any force is used as per the standards of the Province. The POU Commander will submit one team report for each POU section.

5.0 COMMAND AND CONTROL

The incident commander for this event will be Supt. XXX.

A/S/Sgt Avery Flanagan will be the Ottawa Police Public Order Commander.

Each service will provide a Public Order Commander.

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Each service will have a Section Commander that reports to the Public Order Commander.

Each service will follow their own respective deployment model and chain of command within.

6.0 AUTHORITIES

Any participant that does not leave voluntarily will be detained and investigated for the Criminal Code offence of Mischief. Anyone who interferes with police members engaged in the lawful execution of their duties must be arrested for obstructing police.